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FROM: Caracas

TO: Secretary of State

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Today chief Pedro Estrada of Seguridad Nacional, Minister of Interior Vallenilla Lanz, Dominican Ambassador Bernardino, Dr. Leon, Director of Administration of Interior and Calderon Guardia, ex-President of Costa Rica, ~~today~~ accidentally lunched at same place with me and my guest. Calderon told my guest, an American of complete confidence to the Department and me, that h and other anti-Communists working with Venezuela and Dominican Republic and a high-ranking ex-Guatemalan army officer whose name sounded like "Planillas" have completed plans to overthrow Guatemalan Communist regime between February 1 and 15. Calderon to whom I spoke returns to Mexico his place of residence tonight. Estrada remarked to me that he expects Calderon to return to Venezuela for residence despite high cost of living here and smilingly said "won't it be wonderful to have Calderon here while Betancourt is in San Jose".

Comment: It looks to me and my guest that this is a matter which USA can consider to be serious. I shall inform Department any additional information received.

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